WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A hair conditioning composition comprising by weight:

- (a) from about 0.1% to about 20% of a cationic silicone emulsion comprising by weight of the cationic silicone emulsion from about 1% to about 20% of a cationic surfactant; and an emulsifiable amount of a silicone compound having a particle size of less than about 50 microns;
- (b) from about 0.1% to about 15% of a high melting point fatty compound having a melting point of 25°C or higher;
- (c) from about 0.1% to about 10% of a cationic conditioning agent; and
- (d) an aqueous carrier.
- 2. The hair conditioning composition according to Claim 1 wherein the cationic silicone emulsion comprises by weight from about 2% to about 8% of the cationic surfactant.
- 3. The hair conditioning composition according to Claim 1 wherein the silicone compound has a particle size of from about 0.2 microns to about 2.5 microns.
- 4. The hair conditioning composition according to Claim 1 wherein the silicone compound comprises a mechanically emulsified polydimethylsiloxane.
- 5. The hair conditioning composition according to Claim 1-4 comprising by weight from about 0.55% to about 7% of the cationic conditioning agent; the cationic conditioning agent comprising:

an amidoamine having the following general formula:

 R^1 CONH (CH₂)_m N (R^2)₂ wherein R^1 is a residue of C_{11} to C_{24} fatty acids, R^2 is a C_1 to C_4 alkyl, and m is an integer from 1 to 4; and a acid selected from the group consisting of L-glutamic acid, lactic acid,

hydrochloric acid, malic acid, succinic acid, acetic acid, fumaric acid, L-glutamic acid hydrochloride, tartaric acid, and mixtures thereof.

6. The hair conditioning composition according to Claim 1-4 further comprising by weight from about 0.1% to about 10% of a low melting point oil having a melting point of less than 25°C.

- 7. The hair conditioning composition according to Claim 6 wherein the low melting point oil is an unsaturated fatty alcohol.
- 8. The hair conditioning composition according to Claim 6 wherein the low melting point oil is selected from the group consisting of:
- (a) pentaerythritol ester oils having a molecular weight of at least about 800, and having the following formula:

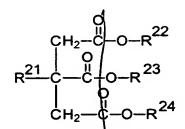
wherein R¹, R², R³, and R⁴, independently, are branched, straight, saturated or unsaturated alkyl, aryl, and alkylaryl groups having from 1 to about 30 carbons;

(b) trimethylol ester oils having a molecular weight of at least about 800, and having the following formula:

wherein R¹¹ is an alkyl group having from 1 to about 30 carbons, and R¹², R¹³, and R¹⁴, independently, are branched, straight, saturated, or unsaturated alkyl, aryl, and alkylaryl groups having from 1 to about 30 carbons;

- (c) poly- α -olefin oils derived from 1-alkene monomers having from about 6 to about 16-carbons, the poly α -olefin oils having a viscosity of from about 1 to about 35,000 cst, a molecular weight of from about 200 to about 60,000, and a polydispersity of no more than about 3;
- (d) citrate ester oils having a molecular weight of at least about 500, and having the following formula





wherein R²¹ is OH or CH₃COO, and R²², R²³, and R²⁴, independently, are branched, straight, saturated, or unsaturated alkyl, aryl, and alkylaryl groups having from 1 to about 30 carbons;

(e) glyceryl ester oils having a molecular weight of at least about 500, and having the following formula

wherein R⁴¹, R⁴², and R⁴³, independently, are branched, straight, saturated, or unsaturated alkyl, aryl, and alkylaryl groups having from 1 to about 30 carbons; and mixtures thereof.

9. The hair conditioning composition according to Claim 7 further comprising by weight from about 0.1% to about 10% of a polyethylene glycol having the formula:

H(OCH₂CH₂)_n -OH

wherein n has an average value of from 2,000 to 14,000.

10. A method of increasing hair volume by applying the hair conditioning composition according to any of the preceding claims to the hair.

